

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 16**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk**

February 16, 2005

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 16— Relative to the CHP Sergeant Gary R. Wagers Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 16, as introduced, Wolk. Sergeant Gary R. Wagers Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway Route 5 and State Highway Route 113 the “CHP Sergeant Gary R. Wagers Memorial Interchange.”

The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Sergeant Gary R.
- 2 Wagers died in a patrol vehicle collision in the line of duty while
- 3 pursuing a traffic violator at high speed in the early morning
- 4 hours of March 15, 2001, on State Highway Route 113 at the
- 5 interchange with State Highway Route 5, in Woodland; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers graduated high school in
- 7 Allegan, Michigan and was a graduate of California State
- 8 University, Sacramento; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers joined the California Army
- 10 National Guard in 1970 and retired in 1998 at the rank of

1 Lieutenant Colonel, after receiving many awards, including the  
2 Army Achievement Medal, Reserve Commendation Medal,  
3 Meritorious Service Medal, and National Defense Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers graduated from the California  
5 Highway Patrol Academy and was appointed as a State Traffic  
6 Officer on August 9, 1979; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Wagers was promoted to the rank of State  
8 Traffic Sergeant on March 1, 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers was an admired and respected  
10 22-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol, having served  
11 in the West Los Angeles, Westminster, South Sacramento,  
12 Riverside, Santa Ana, and Woodland Areas as well as at  
13 California Highway Patrol Headquarters and California Highway  
14 Patrol Air Operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gary R. Wagers, as a result of his  
16 steadfast dedication to the citizens of the State of California, and  
17 his commitment and contributions to the safety of the motoring  
18 public, represented the Department of California Highway Patrol  
19 in an outstanding manner; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers is survived by his wife, Linda,  
21 his daughter Shelly Wagers, his son and daughter-in-law Garhett  
22 and Christine Wagers, his step-daughter and son-in-law Carrie  
23 and Kevin Fellhoelter, and his mother Joyce Wagers; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Wagers had many close friends in the  
25 California Highway Patrol who were shocked and saddened by  
26 the loss of their fellow officers; and

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of his ultimate sacrifice for the  
28 citizens of the state, it is befitting that, on northbound and  
29 southbound portions of State Highway Route 5, in the vicinity of  
30 northbound mile post markers, 5 YOL R 7.00 and 5 YOL R 7.28  
31 and southbound mile post markers, 5 YOL R 7.14 and R 7.09,  
32 and on the northbound and southbound portions of State  
33 Highway Route 113, in the vicinity of northbound mile post  
34 markers 113 YOL R 10.67 and R 11.00 and southbound mile  
35 post markers 113 YOL R 10.75 and R 10.67 in Yolo County,  
36 appropriate material be placed to honor the memory of this  
37 selfless officer; and

38 WHEREAS, It would be fitting tribute to Sergeant Wagers to  
39 designate the interchange of State Highway Route 5 and State

1 Highway Route 113 as the “CHP Sergeant Gary R. Wagers  
2 Memorial Interchange”; and

3 WHEREAS, This memorial interchange will continue to  
4 remind us of the sacrifices that California Highway Patrol and  
5 other peace officers make on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
7 *thereof concurring*, That the interchange of State Highway Route  
8 5 and State Highway Route 113 be designated the “CHP  
9 Sergeant Gary R. Wagers Memorial Interchange”; and be it  
10 further

11 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
12 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers,  
13 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway  
14 system, showing that special designation, and, upon receiving  
15 donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to  
16 erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
18 copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and  
19 to the author for appropriate distribution.